



## Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee

### **MINUTES** **TBPOC CONFERENCE CALL** **December 29, 2005**

Participants: Will Kempton, Steve Heminger, John Barna, Bijan Sartipi, Dan McElhinney, Jose Aguirre, Randy Iwasaki, Andy Fremier, Stephen Maller and Jon Tapping

Meeting convened: 3:33 p.m.

This follow-up meeting to the December 22 conference call is for approving the December 2005 Monthly Progress Report. Additionally, a letter received from American Bridge/Fluor JV dated December 27, 2005 was included in today's agenda for discussion.

Director Kempton started the meeting by formally welcoming new CTC Executive Director John Barna to the TBPOC.

#### **I. December 2005 Monthly Progress Report**

- There is a need for talking points to ensure consistent responses, internally and externally, to possible inquiries following publication of the Monthly Progress Report.
  - Page 6 of the Monthly Progress Report gives a summary of the major highlights and changes that have taken place between reports.
  - Page 9 which provides the SAS risk management information (to be updated for bid opening) is the type of information helpful to the TBPOC in addressing the press when these reports (monthly and quarterly) are distributed.
  - As far as talking points and media strategy, the PMT is working to coordinate with all pertinent offices to provide a high level of proper input to the media.
  - The steps that the PMT takes to plan ahead for media questions were summarized for the TBPOC, starting with reference to the Bay Bridge Communication Plan.
- The staff made the revisions previously agreed upon at the meeting on December 22.
- The report now reflects updated financial information through November, which was not available when the draft was e-mailed to the participants prior to the meeting.
  - The Seismic Funds increased by \$4 million due to a refund from the City of San Francisco as part of the West Span retrofit; and
  - The Richmond-San Rafael information next month will reflect the return of the exceptions from the contractor consistent with the Final Estimate.

- The TBPOC unanimously approved the release of the December 2005 Monthly Progress Report.

## **II. American Bridge/Fluor JV (AB/F JV) Request for a Two-Month Bid Date Extension**

- The seven issues enumerated in the AB/F JV letter of December 27 were briefly addressed.
- Responses to most issues are covered by applicable enhancements implemented under Addendum 6 and applicable bidder inquiry responses.
- The TBPOC agreed that the issues raised were not significant enough to warrant a two-month delay in the bid opening date.
- The TBPOC also agreed that Addendum No. 6 and bidder inquiry responses should sufficiently address the request for a 6-month extension of the milestone dates and that no change would be made in the contract duration.

## **III. Other Issues**

### **A. Bid Update**

- A letter from the Secretary to all prospective bidders asking them to bid is not advisable at this time and might be misunderstood.
- To ensure that a competitive bidding pool still exists, Director Kempton will call the CEO's of the expected bidders before the TBPOC 1/19/06 meeting. A report on these conversations will be made at the TBPOC 1/19/06 Meeting.

### **B. Carquinez Bridge Demolition**

- The Demolition effort has the potential to be a very visible and successful element of TBPOC's work and thereby produce a positive news release. This is particularly relevant to the Bay Bridge, since a successful demolition here will bode well for the demolition of the SFOBB cantilever section in the future.
- A brief presentation to show the staging of the demolition will be helpful to the TBPOC and will be scheduled.
- The Crockett officials are interested in holding a "Retirement of the Bridge Event" sometime in January; this would be similar to what was done for the ground breaking ceremony for the new bridge.
- The TBPOC authorized District Director Sartipi to work with the Crockett officials on this event to which the TBPOC would be invited.

Adjourned: 4:17 p.m.



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**APPROVED BY:**

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3-23-06

Date

**JOHN F. BARNA, Jr.** Executive Director  
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Date

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Date